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I flew to Taif October 20 for scheduled meeting with Prince Faisal. In addition problem four British soldiers reported EMBTEL 442 Faisal and I discussed following subjects:

(1) In reply my question re his health Faisal replied he was now practically back to normal; and, while doctors still did not allow him read long periods at a time, he was back to work as usual.

(2) I presented Faisal with Secretary's remarks on China. (Department's CG-141), which he said he would read, when possible, with interest. I then mentioned Communist Chinese decision to continue cease-fire for another two weeks, saying we very cautiously viewed this as favorable sign; we hoped for peace but were not afraid of war if that was what Communists wanted. I observed that Soviet training of CHICOM Air Force pilots was apparently very inferior to US training of Nationalist pilots. Even without latest model American aircraft Nationalists had inflicted surprisingly heavy losses on CHICOMS although "sidewinder" used only four or five times.

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(Note: see also discussion Saudi Yemeni relations in 8/7). I mentioned to Faisal our efforts establish independent Legation with Resident Charge d'Affairs in Taiz and our difficulties obtaining yes or no answer from GOY.

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